



Status Brief on Automating DOD Qualification: Qualified Products Database (QPD)

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What is Qualification?



- Examine and test products, processes, or materials of manufacturers and distributors
 - In advance of, and independent of, an acquisition
 - To qualify [sources for] products that conform to specification requirements
- Approved products and sources are "listed" on a Qualified Products List (QPL) or a Qualified Manufacturers List (QML)



- Extended test time (30 days 720 hours)
- Special equipment required to conduct quality conformance inspection
- Life survival or emergency life saving equipment
- Critical item designated as safety critical in the Federal Logistics Information System
- The performance, quality and reliability of the item is critical and the consequence of a failure may be catastrophic to mission, equipment safety and/or life



- Streamlines procurement process
- Reduces acquisition costs
- Improves readiness
- Establishes trusted sources
 - Availability of multiple "precertified" sources promotes competition
 - QPLs also streamline procurement by excluding uncertified sources



Program Scope



*as of 28 Feb 2007



- QWG recommended web-based process to:
 - Provide near real-time qualification data
 - Support DoD resources through automation
- DSPO approved QWG's recommendation
 - Engaged developer to build the database
 - Conducted site surveys to assess user needs
 - Monitored database design



The Goal



- Web-based "paperless" process
 - Near real-time updates
 - Process to ease workload of maintaining qualification data
 - Provide current, accurate supplier information for buyers
- Initial data upload is challenging
- Long-term benefits



Implementation Approach



- Update policy and procedures to reflect the conversion to an automated qualification process and use of electronic QPLs/QMLs
 - Draft policy memo is in coordination with **DepSOs (comments due by 5 April 2007)**
 - Policy will establish time frame for completing transformation from current to electronic QPLs/QMLs
 - No more paper QPL updates
- Allow a reasonable transition period to enable data preparation and data entry 8



Implementation Ground Rules



- Transition period to enable data cleanup / data entry
 - Interim dual system (transformation notices)
 - Line in the sand
- Each user needs an ASSIST-Online account
- Level of access depends on user role
- Each listed source (US/foreign) needs a CAGE code for the plant location where the product was qualified

- Central Contractor Registry (CCR) is the official source





User Training



- Conducting multiple training sessions at developer's facility (Chantilly, VA)
- Scheduling "Road Shows" as needed
- Receiving positive feedback from users
- Expecting to complete training by 1 July 2007



Data Preparation Guidance



- Review all QPLs/QMLs before automating
 - Ensure the data is accurate and current before entering it into the database
 - QPD will be the official DOD qualification data repository
- Take appropriate corrective action on out-of-date QPLs/QMLs
 - Update
 - Cancel



Over-aged QPLs



High number of over-aged QPLs

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2-5 yrs 5-10 yrs 10+ yrs
Total
74 118 108
300
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Samples of over-aged QPLs



Database Population



- Training is still in progress
- Database population is progressing, but slowly
- DSPO will provide SEs and DepSOs monthly progress reports



Status of Database Population



(as of 26 Feb 2007)

Organizati on	Unpublished	Published
Army	38	1
Navy	152	8
Air Force	30	0
DLA	14	0
GSA	6	0
Totals	240*	9

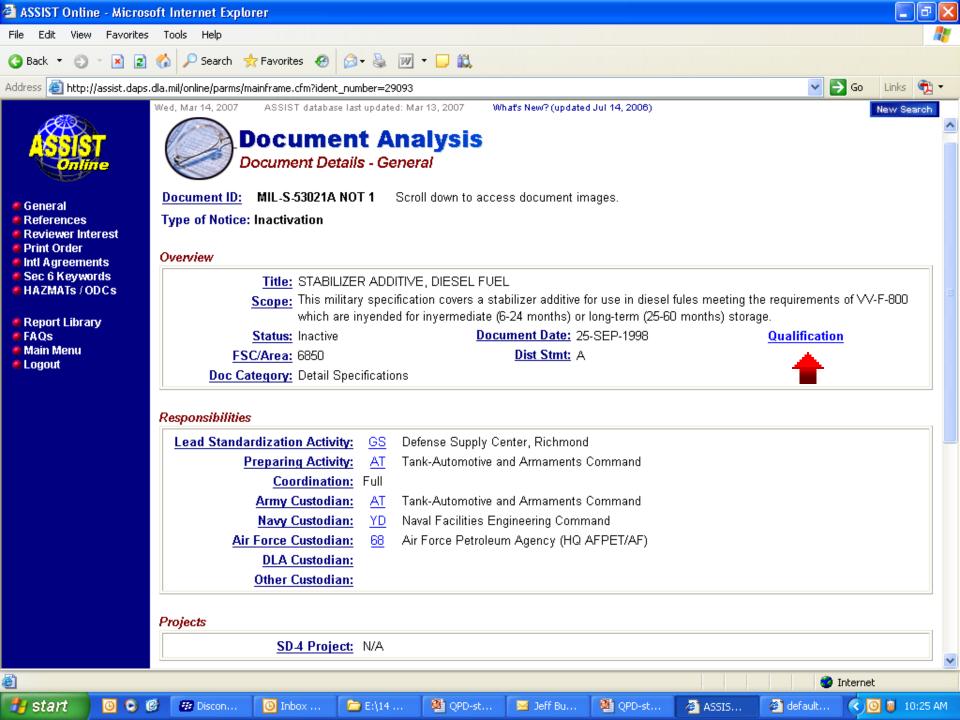
^{*} Plus we expect to get 182 in an automated feed from DS



- Commitment to automate all QPLs/QMLs within a specified timeframe
- Support for canceling any QPLs/QMLs not loaded into the new database within a specified timeframe

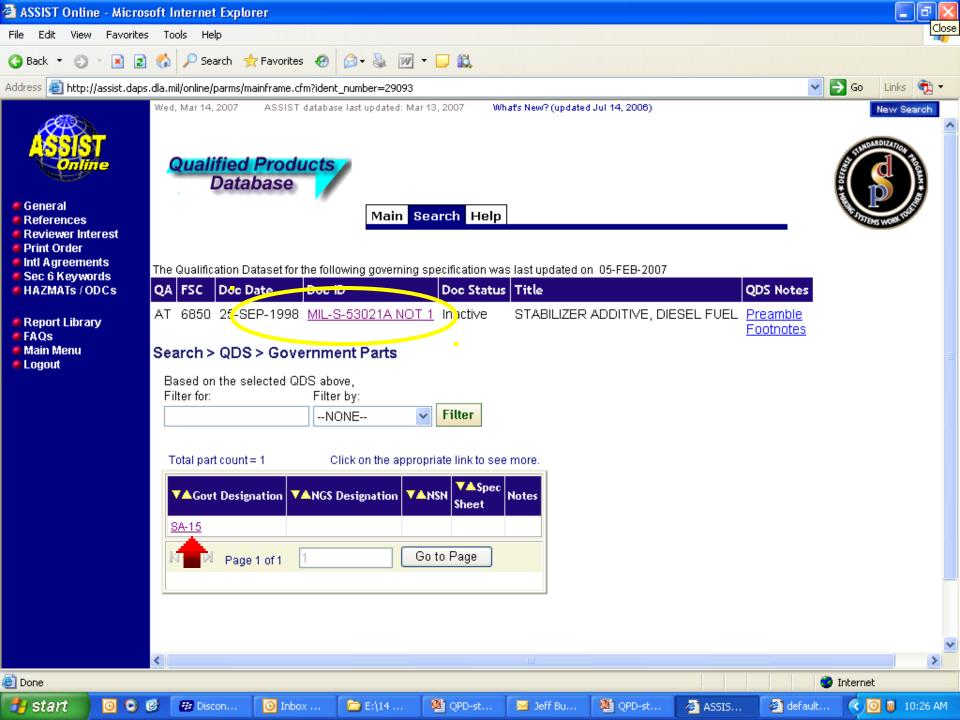


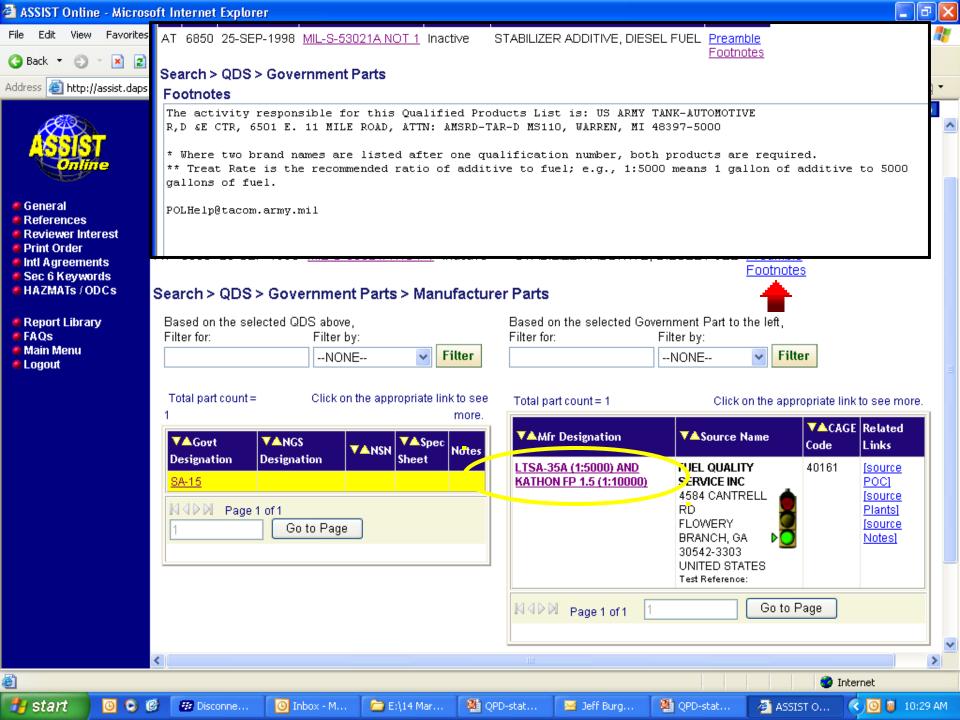






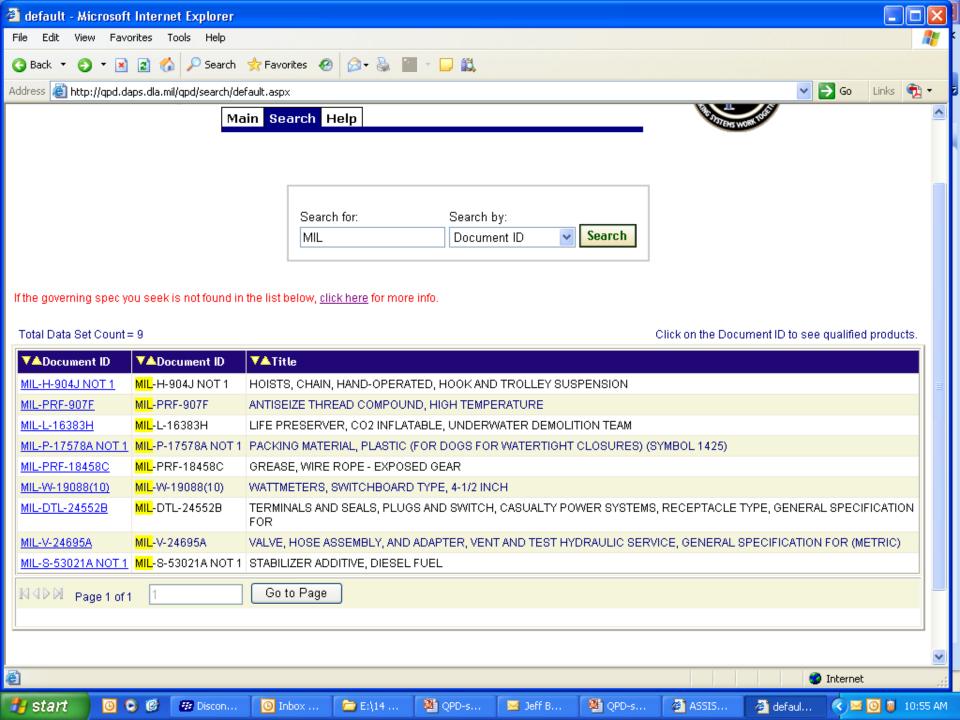
















Questions?

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